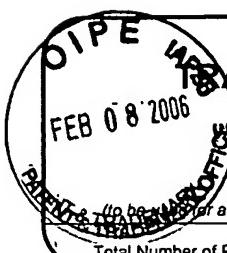


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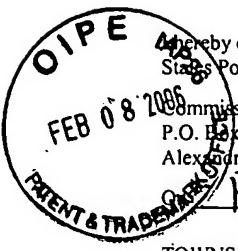
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Please note that in the JIPO Office action the examiner cites a journal article, ARAI "The latest trend of IP storage networking," Computertopia 36:74-77 (August 2001), which is published in the Japanese language. An English language translation of this article is

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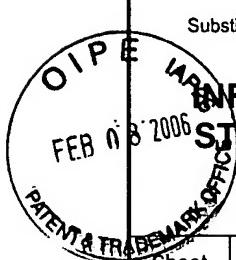
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